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Letter dated 9 October 1996 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 14 September 1996 from the Deputy Prime Minister and Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed to you, in which he stated that the Iraqi authorities had requested a report on the interrogation by the United Kingdom police authorities of these arrested for the hijack of a Sudan Airways aircraft to the United Kingdom on 27 August 1996, and had sought their extradition to Iraq.

I have the honour to inform you that, on 5 September 1996, the United Kingdom authorities fulfilled their obligation under article 6, paragraph 4, of the 1970 Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft by informing the Iraqi interests section of the Embassy of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in London of the fact that seven Iraqi nationals had been charged under section 1 (1) of the United Kingdom Aviation Security Act 1982, and by giving their names.

Article 7 of the aforementioned Convention provides that if a party does not extradite an alleged offender, it must submit the case to its competent authorities for the purpose of prosecution. The United Kingdom has followed the latter course.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 151.

(Signed) John WESTON
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